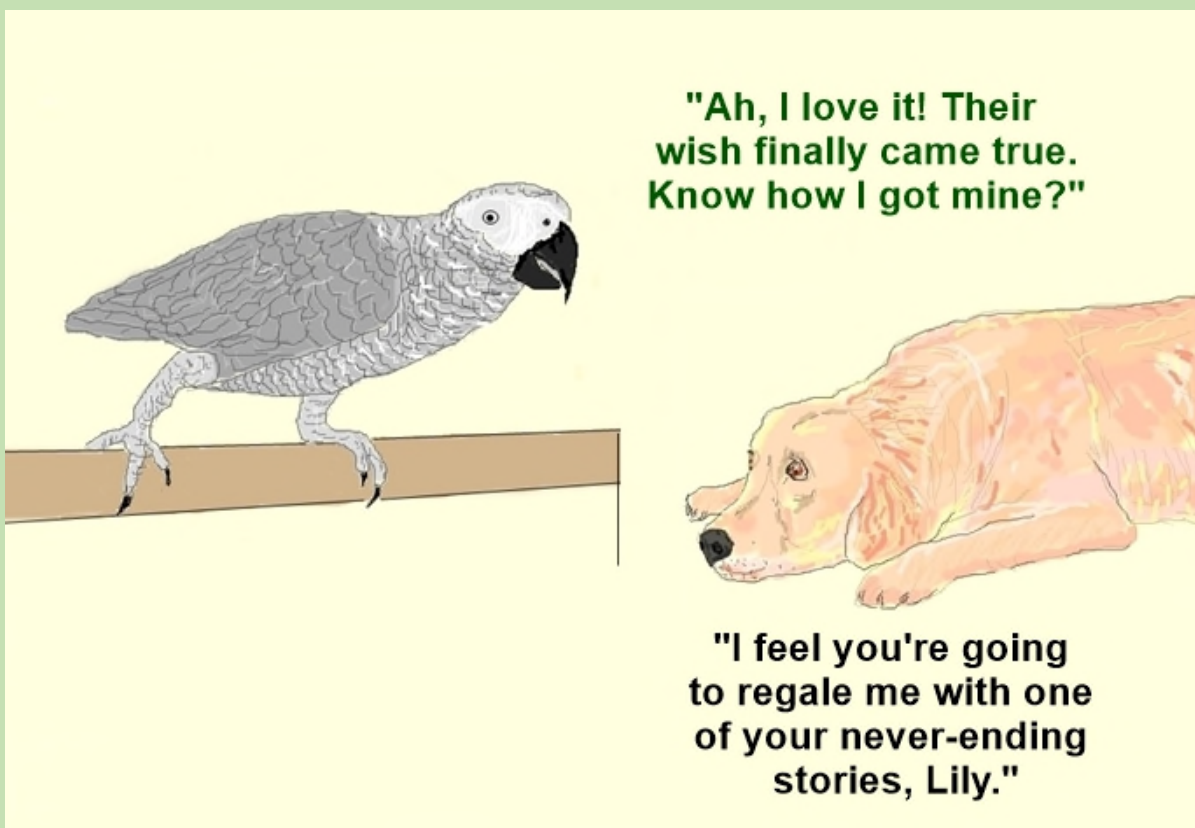
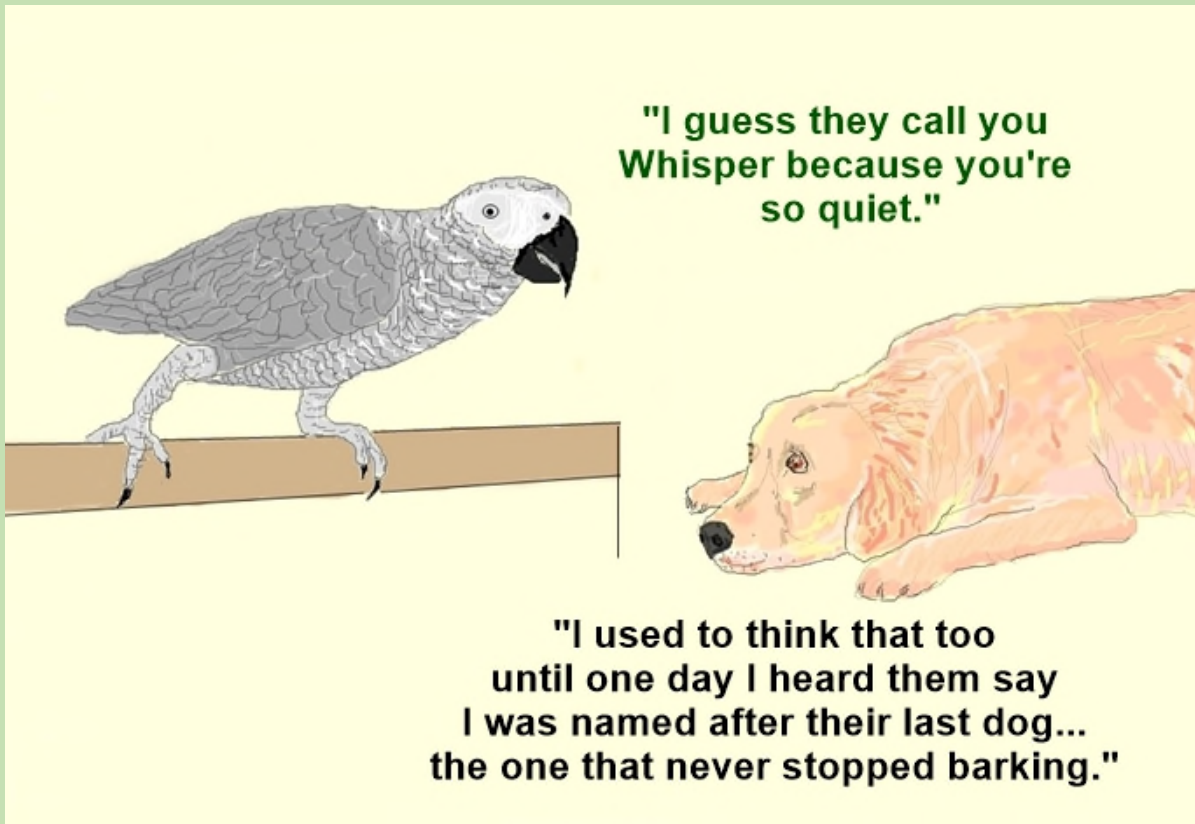
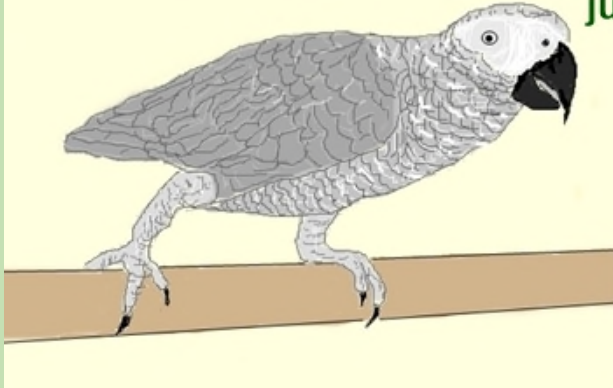


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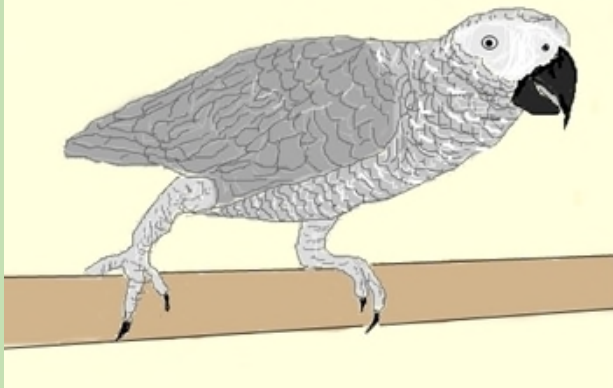


**"When I was born my mother  
thought I was the most beautiful  
creature she'd ever seen...  
just like the lilies of the field."**

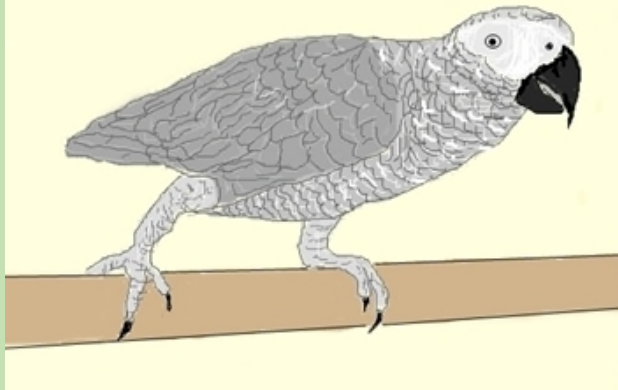


**"She must have had  
a great sense of humor."**

**"Now, now, you  
scoundrel. I'll have you know  
she was a very discerning woman."**



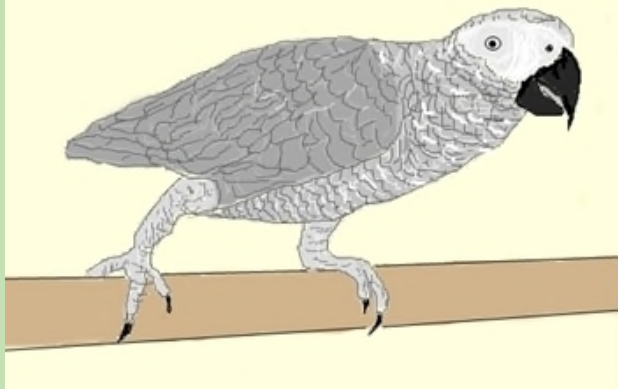
**"A very discerning woman  
...with a great sense of humor."**



**"Okay, Mr Know-all,  
who was almost called  
Zacharias?"**



**"Oh dear, I think  
I've walked into this one."**



**"Answer: John the Baptist. They  
were going to name him after his  
dad, but his dad wrote down his  
proper name, the one given  
him by the angel."**



**"And then his dad got his voice back!  
Tell me, Lily, has anything like that  
ever happened to a parrot!"**



**"Hey, can you believe it?  
The humans think they  
went to the moon!"**



**"Yeah, my mum told me  
about it. One small lie  
for man, one big lie  
for mankind."**

**"Now they say the oceans  
are rising. And the guys who  
are saying it are building  
mansions by the sea."**



**"All the same,  
I'm glad my kennel  
is made of wood."**

**"Aw, poochie, what's with this  
wooden kennel stuff?  
You know it's all nonsense."**



**"Yes, I know, but they  
have me worried  
all the same."**

**"Listen to yourself, poochie!  
Your fears are clouding your mind.  
That's what the fearmongers want."**



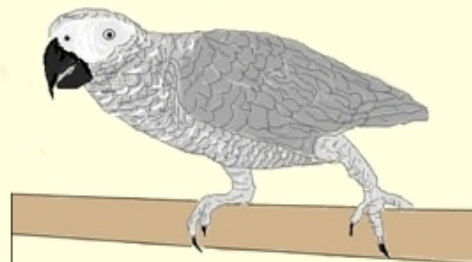
**"But Lily, I'm not as rational  
as you. They keep saying  
these things over and over.  
It's hard to blot them out."**

**"Check out Jeremiah 5:22  
and put your heart at rest.  
The LORD said the sea will  
NEVER be able to cross the  
sandy shore. It's a fixed  
boundary, you see!"**



**"D'you know you're the  
only one to ever point  
that out. If only our  
pastors could read!"**

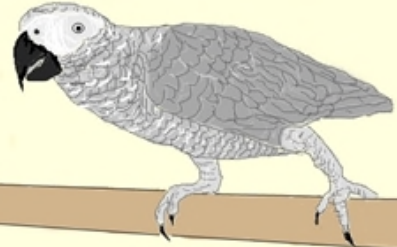
**"I tell you, they're making up  
new lies all the time! It makes  
my feathers crawl."**



**"Ah, Lily, you're a great one for  
raking over the coals and  
asking hard questions."**



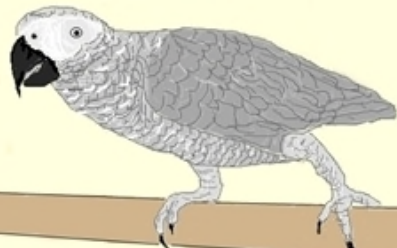
**"Well, if I don't ask them,  
who will?"**



**"Surely the journalists and  
media pundits are paid to  
do just that?"**



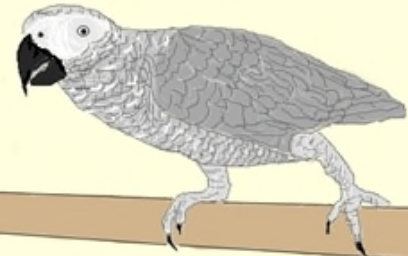
**"Journalists!! Don't make  
me squawk! They'll  
never bite the hand  
that feeds them."**



**"What about the politicians?"**

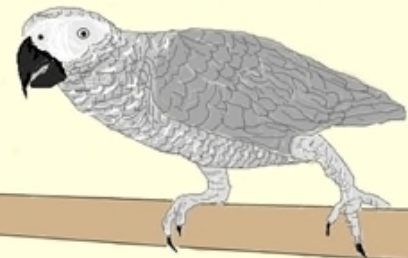


**"Do you know what, poochie,  
you're the biggest puppy in town.  
The same guys who own  
the journalists also own  
the politicians."**



**"Then how on earth are  
we supposed to know  
what's really going on?"**

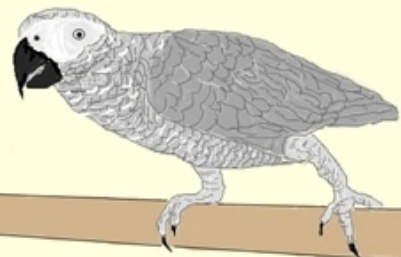
**"Ah poochie, you've  
arrived at Square One!  
Well done. Maybe it IS  
possible to teach an old  
puppy new tricks."**



**"Me, old? I must be at least  
thirty years younger than you."**



**"I guess God made us  
so we'd live long enough  
to figure everything out."**



**"Giving rise, dear friend,  
to your endless questions!"**

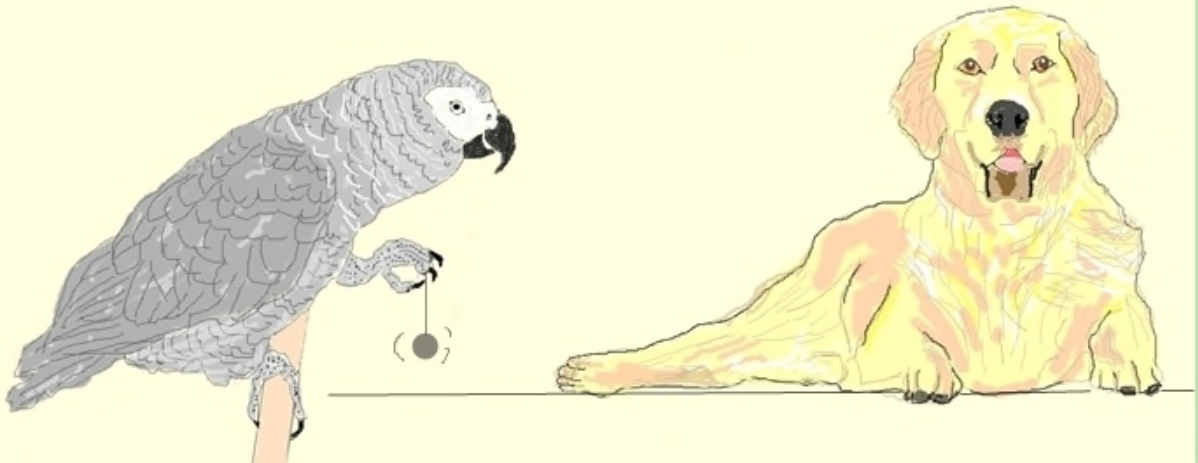
**"A few decades ago, when I  
started to ask the hard questions,  
I first asked myself,  
'Who's running the show?'"**

**"If that's  
'Square One',  
as you call it,  
I don't think  
I'm there yet."**



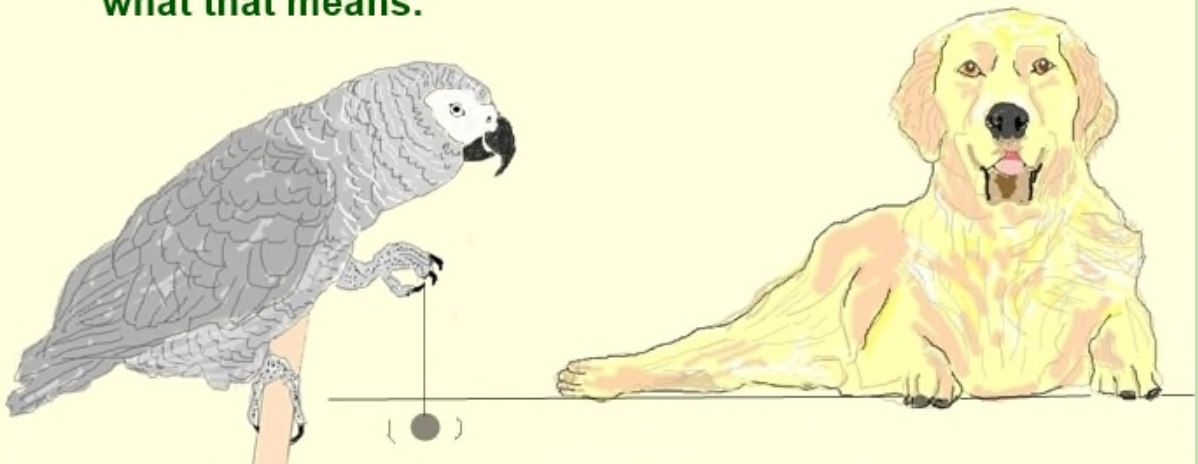
**"Yeah, that's normal.  
A lot of guys get to  
Square One and never  
get any further."**

**"I guess, like me,  
they thought God  
was "running the show".**



**"Actually, He IS!  
But He is running it  
according to His own  
righteousness.  
That means we all  
have free will.  
And you know  
what that means."**

**"Let me guess -  
the bad guys are secretly  
doing everything they can  
to get rid of the good guys."**



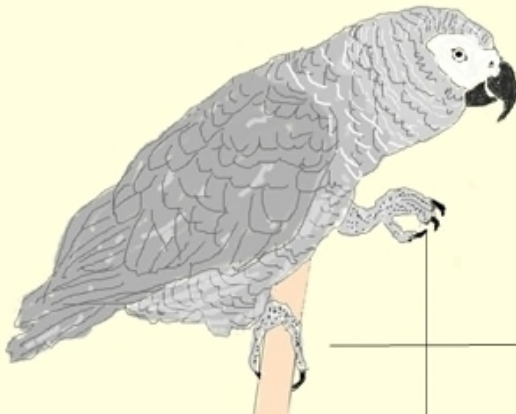
**"Good heavens, poochie!  
There are days when you  
really surprise me.  
You hit the nail  
on the head."**

**"Does this mean I'm ready  
to move on from  
Square One?"**



**"You must be the judge of that.  
But in my opinion, you are.  
Just remember the  
Yo-yo Principle!"**

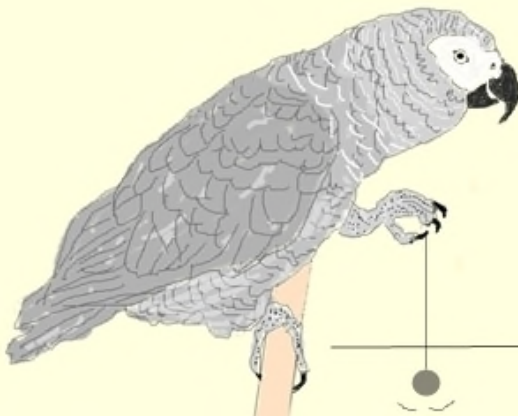
**"What's that?"**





**"No matter where your explorations lead you, you must always return again and again to God's Word."**

**"Ah, good advice. I'll remember that. By the way, could you not have called it the Boomerang Principle?"**



**"Look, smartie-pants, I'm trying to illustrate something here. I can safely operate a yo-yo but I won't risk throwing a boomerang!"**

**"Sorry, Lily. I forgot you're from Africa, not Australia!"**



**"I think I'll stay  
on Square One!  
There's far too much  
stuff out there  
I don't like."**



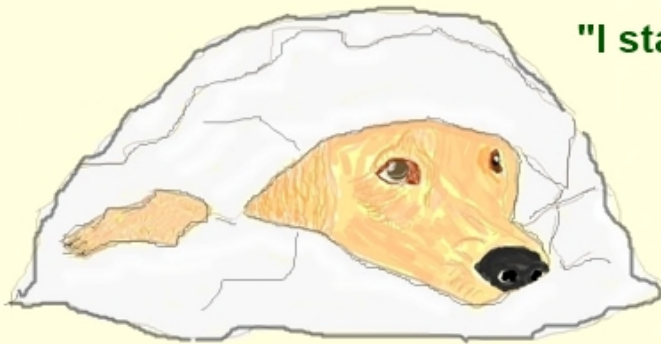
**"To be honest with you,  
poochie, I went through  
that phase myself."**

**"And...?"**



**"I got through it the same  
way everyone does, by  
remembering the words  
of John's epistle:  
"perfect love  
casts out fear.""**

**"How do you do that, Lily?"**



**"I stand on the Rock, poochie,  
I stand on the Rock."**

**"It's that simple?"**



**"It's only simple when you  
do it, Whisper.  
Until you do, you're just  
another lonely soul  
in this vale of tears."**





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